

Reports of public service.

Inspection of books and papers.

SEC. 20. The council shall have power to require all public-service corporations, and all people doing a public-service business in the city, to make such reports as it may require, and shall have a right to inspection of such books and papers as the State Corporation Commission has the right to require and inspect under the laws so enacted or which may be enacted with reference to public-service corporations doing business in the city.

CHAPTER III—PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Territory declared school district.

Title.

Control of school.

SEC. 21. The territory embraced in the old city limits is and shall continue to be and remain an independent school district, under the name of the "Greensboro School District," and as such shall have exclusive control of the public free schools in said district. The conduct of said schools shall be vested in a board of seven (7) members, to be elected by the council, as herein provided for, and said board collectively shall be known and designated as the "Board of Education of Greensboro." The members of said board, in order to be eligible to office, shall be residents of said city, and shall be persons of good moral character.

Duties of board.

Control of school property.

SEC. 22. The board of education shall be charged with the duty of maintaining an adequate system of schools in said district, and shall construct and maintain proper buildings, and to that end the public school buildings and all other property now used or which may hereafter be acquired within said district for school purposes, shall be under its control and subject to its disposition; and the said board shall have the same power and authority to condemn lands and to acquire and control school property as is given or may be conferred by law upon the council with reference to acquiring lands for streets, or any other public purposes, and may control school property and grounds in like manner as the council is empowered to control streets; and said board shall have such power with regard to the public schools of said district as is now conferred by law, or may hereafter be conferred by law, upon the board of commissioners of Guilford County and the board of education of Guilford County, with regard to the public schools of Guilford County; and the council shall have charge of the collection of taxes to maintain the schools and to construct school buildings in said district; but the disbursement of all moneys used for school purposes shall be under the direct control of said board of education. The monthly pay-roll for teachers and other employees of the school system may be certified for payment to the city manager by the chairman and by the secretary of the board of education, but all other bills payable out of the school fund must be certified separately for payment to the city manager by the chairman or secretary of said board of education.

Power to condemn land.

Further enumeration of powers.

Collection of school taxes.

Disbursement of school funds.

Certificates of claims.

Election of super-
intendent.

SEC. 23. The board of education is charged with the duty of electing, biennially, a competent, skilled and expert superintendent